

# ARTICLES

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## High-Treason and other High Crimes and Misdemeanors AGAINST THE DUTCHES OF PORTSMOUTH.

I. *Aprimis*, That the said Dutches hath and still doth cohabite and keep Company with the King, having had foul nauseous and contagious Distempers, which once possessing her blood can never admit of a perfect cure, to the manifest danger and hazard of the Kings person, in whose preservation is bound up, the weal and happiness of the Protestant Religion, our Lives, Liberties and Properties, and those of our Posterity for ever.

II. She hath laboured to alter and subvert the Government in Church and State now established by Law, and in the room thereof to introduce Popery and Tyranny in the three Kingdoms by her Counsels from time to time.

III. She hath by her perswasion, countenance and other Artifices and Insinuations reconciled several of her Servants and others, natural born Subjects, to the Communion of the See of Rome, in defiance of the Statute which makes it Capital. *See 3. c.*

IV. She advised and still does nourish, foment and maintain that fatal and destructive Correspondency and Alliance between England and France, being sent over and pensioned by the French King to the same end and purpose, and consequently hath rendered inefficual those frequent Addresses in Parliament for a War with the French King, and in order to the Propagating these her malicious, detestable and destructive Designs, against our Religion and Government the several French Ministers, who have resided here since the breach of the Triple League, (from whence we of these three Kingdoms have and still groan under,) have and do still resort to her Apartment in his Majesty's Royal Palace, where having several Conferences with his Majesty, they have preyed into his secret Counsels, and by the Assistance of her, her Agents and French Ministers, have tried and continued the aforesaid accursed Amity between England and France, against the grave and repeated advice of the whole Nation in Parliament.

V. That she hath endeavoured to her Power to stifle and vilifie the Kings Evidence, to create a disbelief of the King of the Plot against his Royal Person, subversion of the Protestant Religion and Government, interceded for by Traytors impeached by Parliament and other Arch-Traytors (particularly Father Ireland the Jesuite Arraigned, heard fairly and legally condemned, and most justly executed.

VI. She has from time to time intermeddled and advised in matters of the highest moment and importance in Government as Peace and War, several Dissolutions and Prorogation of Parliament, matter depending wherein the very life and soul of the Government in Church and State was concerned.

VII. That she advised a digeneral Peace, so destructive to Christianity and particularly to these three Kingdoms, it being in our Power to have turned the Scale.

VIII. That she placed and displaced great Ministers in Church and State, as she judged might be most serviceable in promoting the French Popish Interest.

IX. That she not only took upon her, to make chief Ministers as aforesaid but either received Sums of Money in hand, and Pension yearly out of their profits, salaries and perquisites, which hath in great measure contributed to that general corruption in all places, and nothing being more unnatural than when trust and places are bought; Justice must be sold.

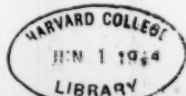
X. That she hath been an unspeakable charge and burthen, having had given her, for many years past prodigious Sums of Money in other peoples names, (the better to disguise the matter) as well out of the Publick Treasury, as the priey Purse; and such is her ascendant over the King, that, in her own apartment, she prevailed with the King, there to Sign and Seal Warrants for Grants, of Vast Sums of Money, and particularly procured the Kings Warrant to the Earl of Danby (now impeached and in the Tower) for 100000 l. and this at one time, which ought to have been applied for the safety, honour and reputation of this Kingdom.

XI. That hardly any Grant, Office or Place was given, but through her or her Emisaries Intercession and money given to them.

XII. That these vast prodigious Sums she hath for the most part, was to be transported to a Nation by Religion, Interest and Practice, an Enemy to our Religion and Government, to the weakening and impoverishing of our Nation and the strengthening and enriching of our Adversaries.

XIII. That she hath procured Farms and Undermings of the several Branches of the Revenue at lower Rates than really worth having been bribed for so doing.

XIV. That she hath protected several from Justice, and particularly, the Earl of Roselagh, who had charged, defrauded and abused the King in his Revenues of Ireland, supporting him against many representations from the Government of Ireland, and many Orders of the King and Council there, full well knowing several Articles were in the secret Committee against the said Earl, not only for cheating His Majesty in Ireland; but for combining with the Earl of Danby in England to defraud the King, and particularly in the Excise Farm, undertaken by the Dashwoods, and notwithstanding, such is her Power, she still protects the said Earl, not only from his Accounts; but in his place of Treasurer, which does reflect upon His Majesty, to keep such a person in place in spite of all the Orders in Council, his own Convictions, and does wholly discourage a Parliament ever to give a supply, when such are employed, and has procured several Letters, in favour of the said Earl of Roselagh as well to the present as former Governors, to the dis-



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nour of the King, and interruption of Justice.

XV. That she got grant in *Ireland*, (in other persons names), as well to Crown Rents, as others, to the great disorder, distraction and vexations of the Subjects, who are liable to have their Estates and Titles questioned and disturbed by Commissions of Enquiry, and otherways, as Officers for the King.

XVI. That she procured to herself a Grant of the Revenues, arising by the Wine Licenses, towards the defraying of her extravagant Debts, most contrary to the express Letter of the Act of Parliament, which provides most positively, that the Revenues arising therefrom, shall not be employed or granted to any private use whatsoever: yet, such was her power with His Majesty and the Earl of *Dashy* Late Lord Treasurer, that she procured three able honest Servants to His Majesty, to be turned out of their Commissions in the Wine-Licence-Office, because they would not send her Money upon the security of the said Revenue, contrary to the Act of Parliament, above mentioned, and such is her power with several of the Commissioners of His Majestys Treasury, that she hath procured Doctor *Taylor* her servant to be made a Commissioner in the new Commission of Wine-Licence-Office; in prejudice of those persons turned out by the Earl of *Dashy*, as aforesaid, on purpose that he the said Doctor *Taylor*, should govern that branch of the Revenue (in spite and contempt of an Act of Parliament, appointing it to publick End and Government) for the Dutchess use and behalf, neither can it be for any other end and purpose, for that the said Doctor *Taylor*, by reason of the many affairs he has to manage of the Dutchess, cannot attend the Kings Service.

XVII. That she hath and doth relieve and countenance in her Family and Lodgings in *Whitehal*, several Servants, whom she knows to be Papists and ill affected to the Protestant Religion and Government, giving them frequent and private access to His Majesty, to the hazard and danger of His Majesties Person, and in a contempt of a late Act of Parliament whereby all Papist whatsoever (except Father *Huddleston*, seven Women-Servants and some foreign Servants to Her Majesty) were prohibited to come within the Limits of His Majestys Pallace or Court; notwithstanding which Act of Parliament, she hath, and still doth not only relieve in her Lodgings, as aforesaid, several Servants of the Popish persuasion, but she hath lately taken into her service a French Papist, whom she formerly preferred to His Majesty, as a Confectioner, and who was entrust of His Majesties Service upon the aforesaid Act, which said Confectioner doth dayly prepare Sweet-meats and other Banquetings (in triumph over the late fresh Act of that Parliament) for His Majesty at her Lodgings, so as His Majesty may be in an eminent danger from the aforesaid French Papist, who has such opportunity to poyson His Sacred Majesty (by mixing poyson in the Sweetmeats, whom God long preserve.

XVIII. That the day before His Majesty fell sick

at *Windsor*, she perswaded His Majesty (being then in her Lodgings) to eat a Mess of Broath, prepared by some of her Papist-Servants, whereupon His Majesty fell immediately sick, it being the Opinion of some Able Physicians, that His Majestys Diseases were much augmented, if not wholly created by the aforesaid Broath.

XIX. That during His Majestys sickness, she introduced several unknown persons by a Back-Door to His Majesties Bed-Chamber, who, in all likelihood were *Romish*-Priests, French Physicians, Agents or Ministers of the French Kings, all which persons could have no honest or lawful business with His Majesty, at that time especially, being privately introduced, and His Majesties proper Servants, belonging to his Bed-Chamber being all sent out, except such as were Popishly affected, her Creatures consequently; and her Foot-Men ordered to wait in the Anti-Chamber, as is judged to prevent any bodys hearing or seeing them, as if they had been of His Majesties Bed-Chamber.

XX. That she has by her creatures and friends given out and whispered abroad, that she was married to His Majesty, and that her Son the Duke of *Richmond* is His Majesties Legitimate Son, and consequently, Prince of *Wales*, his health being frequently drunk by her and her Creatures, in her Night-Débauchés and Merry-Meetings, to the great dishonour and reflection of His Majestys and the manifest perill and danger of these Kingdoms, who may hereafter by such false and scandalous Storys and wicked practises be embroyled in distractions if not in Bloud and Civil Wars; to the utter ruine of His Majesties Subjects, and subversion of the Protestant Religion, it being manifest, she being a Papist her self, will breed her Son in the same Religion however she may pretend to the contrary.

XXI. That she having that high and dishonourable absolute dominion and power over the Kings Heart, she has opportunity to draw from him the secrets of his Government, opportunity by her self, or other Engines of hers, to poyson, or otherwise, to destroy the King: opportunity, at least, to promote a French Popish interest; so that it is not only impossible the Protestant Religion should live; but its not possible, the King can have a due sense of the dangtr, he was, or may be in, from the *Romish* Conspiracy, which has, is, or may be against His Royal Person or Government.

XXII. That she has had the highest honours and rewards conferred on her and hers, to the high dishonour of God, the encouragement of Wickedness and Vice (which by such Examples is overspread the Nation, and for which Gods Anger is kindled and inflamed against us) suppressing and discouraging of Vertue, whose rewards those high Titles and Honours ought to be, and this to the eternal reproach of His Majesties Reign and Government.

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